

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 8-13 and 17-20 are allowed. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 14-16 are objected to. Claims 1 and 2 are herein canceled. Claims 3, 5, 6, 14 and 16 are herein amended.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,805,624 to Yang et al.

Applicants herein cancel claims 1 and 2. Applicants herein amend claims 3, 5, 6, 14 and 16. In the amendment, Applicants have changed claims 3, 5, 6, 14 and 16 to independent form, preserving the limitations of the parent claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8-13 and 17-20 are allowable. Further, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-4, 6-7 and 14-16 were objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants herein make the requested amendments.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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